(vi) जघन्य अपराधों का पता लगाने के लिए अन्वेषण के वैज्ञानिक तरीकों का प्रयोग किया जाता है।

(vii) गंभीर अपराधों की जांच-पड़ताल प्रभावी तरीके से करने के लिए दिल्ली पुलिस के अधीन एक विशेष कार्य बल बनाया गया है।

Deteriorating situation of Law and Order in the states

2672. SHRI O.P. KOHLI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of Government has been drawn to a news appearing in the newspapers on 3.2.1997 wherein it has been stated that the police in some of the States including Bihar is not capable of meeting/facing the rioteous, law and order situation and violence conditions and are dependent on central forces etc;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reaction of Government in making the State police alert and competent to face the riots, violence and law and order in the respective States to protect the lives and properties of the people living therein?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR): (a) to (c) According to the news item published in the Times of India in its issue dated 3.2.1997, the Home Minister had, inter alia, emphasised that sending Central para-military forces to trouble spots alone could not solve the problem.

As 'Public Order' and 'Police' are State subjects, it is primarily for the State Governments concerned to take necessary action to deal with riots, violence and other law and order situations in their respective jurisdiction and to protect the lives and properties of the people. The Central Government, on its part, apart from sending advisories, has been providing financial assistance to the State Governments for improving their policing infrastructure.

Bill on protection of Scheduled Tribes in Kerala

2673. DR. D. VENKATESHWAR RAO: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Kerala Scheduled Tribes (Restriction on Transfer of Lands and Restoration of Alienated Lands) Amendment Bill, 1996 is against the Constitutional provision which enjoined on the State Government to protect the Scheduled Tribes from all sorts of exploitation and promote their socio-economic conditions; and

(b) the reasons for not returning the Bill to the State Legislature early?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFARS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR): (a) and (b) The Kerala Scheduled Tribes (Restriction on Transfer of Lands and Restoration of Alienated Lands) Amendment Bill, 1996, as passed by the State Legislature and reserved by the Governor of Kerala, has been received by the Union Government for the assent of the President. The Bill is receiving the attention of the Government.

अमरनाथ की यात्रा पर जा रहे तीर्थ यात्रियों की मौत

2674. **श्री राघवजी:** क्या गृह मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) पिछले वर्ष अमरनाथ की यात्रा में मरने वाले तीर्थ यात्रियों की संख्या क्या है;

(ख) कितने तीर्थ यात्रियों के परिवारों को मुआवजे की राशि दे दी गयी है; और

(ग) मृत यात्रियों के बाकी बचे परिवारों को अब तक मुआवजे की राशि प्रदान नहीं करने के क्या कारण हैं और इसका भुगतान कब तक किए जाने की संभावना है?

गृह मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री मोहम्मद मकबूल डार): (क) अमरनाथ यात्रा त्रासदी, 1996

के दौरान कुल 243 व्यक्ति मरे थे।

(ख) और (ग) जम्मू और कश्मीर सरकार ने उन 151 व्यक्तियों जिनके शवों की शिनाख्त हो चुकी है, के परिवारों को अनुग्रहपूर्वक राहत का भुगतान करने के लिए विभिन्न राज्य सरकारों को अब तक 302 लाख रुपये जारी किए हैं। मृत तीर्थ यात्रियों के रिश्तेदारों को अनुग्रहपूर्वक राहत का संवितरण संबंधित जिला कलेक्टरों के माध्यम से किया जा रहा है। शवों की पहचान करने तथा मृत तीर्थ यात्रियों के निकट संबंधी का पता लगाने में राज्य तंत्र के समक्ष आने वाली व्यावहारिक कठिनाइयों के कारण इन परिवारों को मुआवजे का भुगतान करने में देर हुई है। राज्य तंत्र को सलाह दी गई है कि वे फोटो आदि को प्रकाशित कर व्यापक प्रचार करके इस समस्या पर काबू पाए जिससे कि परिवारों द्वारा मृत तीर्थ यात्रियों की पहचान करने में आसानी हो तथा मृतक के निकट संबंधी को यथाशीघ्र भुगतान किया जा सके।

Permission sought by the Government of Gujarat to raise coastal Home Guards Battalions

2675. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Gujarat Government has requested for permission to raise two battalions of Home Guards to enable the local authorities for strengthening the Coastal security; and

(b) if so, the decision taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The proposal is under examination.

Refugees in different parts of the country

2676. SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the estimated number of refugees from Tibet, Bangladesh, Burma, Sirlanka and other neighbouring countries who have taken refuge in different parts of the country;

(b) the extent to which their numbers have sweeled through natural demographic process, during their stay over the years and how many have since acquired Indian citizenship; and

(c) the steps taken/being taken by Government to ensure their repatriation to their respective home State indicating stage at which the negotiations with respective countries stand?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

New lottery system

2677. SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a new lottery system launched or proposed to be launched by certain State Governments like Himachal Pradesh, Punjab, called the on-line lottery system to replace the conventional paper lotteries; and

(b) if so, whether the Central Government have laid any guidelines for award of licences and operating the on-line lottery system, under entry 40 of the